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City of La Porte promotes community service in multi-organization event









Emergency equipment demonstrations, Food Distribution and S.I.D.N.E. driving simulator activities.

During the final weekend of June, the City of La Porte joined several area organizations to aid those less fortunate in the community, as well as build upon the City's continual outreach efforts. Participants, ranging from City Departments to private businesses, joined at the Jennie Riley Civic Center for a day of fun and camaraderie. In the end, over 300 people from the Bayshore community enjoyed various games and activities, while a total of 166 families were registered for food distribution aid.

The provision of nearly 6 tons of food to area residents was accompanied by basketball games at the City's Northside courts, Moonwalk fun from local business Lil Jacks, and hands-on equipment displays from various emergency response entities. Representatives from the City's Police, Fire, EMS, Municipal Court, Parks, City Manager's Office, and members of City Council were joined by nearly 30 volunteers from groups such as the La Porte Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and Rotary Club, in order to make the event a success. The combined effort resulted in a day of fun for all ages, while La Porte's Neighborhood Center was readily assisted in the food registration and distribution. Other activities included S.I.D.N.E. (Simulated Impaired Driving Experience) demonstrations, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), and 911 Communication Center operations.

For more information on the event, or to inquire about future programs, please contact the Police Department's Support Services Division at 281-842-3118 or place a call to the Neighborhood Center at 281-471-1824 to find out how you can help others within your community.